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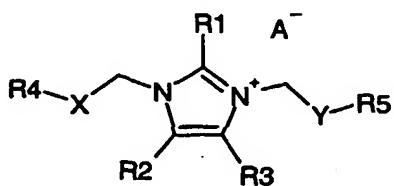
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(57) Abstract: Imidazolium compounds of formula (I); wherein: A⁻ is an anion; R₁, R₂ and R₃ are the same or different and are hydrogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, aryl, fused aryl, or heteroaryl; or are substituted aryl, fused aryl or heteroaryl; X and Y are the same or different and are -CH₂, -C=O, -CHOH, -C=S, or -C=NR₆; R₄ and R₅ are the same or different and are aryl, substituted aryl, heteroaryl, or substituted heteroaryl; and R₆ is aryl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, OH, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, or aryloxy are useful as inhibitors of a chemokine receptor known as CXCR3 and its equivalent chemokine receptors.